

preserve the natural and cultural resources of over 50,000 acres of land. Mike also helped found the Evergreen Center for the Arts in 1976, establishing an outlet for local artists to pursue their creative endeavors. In 1988, Mike helped found Culture Jeffco and promoted the formation of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District. A year later he was appointed as the founding chairman of the Jefferson County Cultural Council, the governing board of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District that was responsible for distributing the county's annual share of Tier III funds for art, music, theater, dance, zoology, botany, natural history, or cultural history.

Mike's civic achievements include recognition from the Jefferson County League of Women Voters as well as the Rex Morgan Citizen Volunteer Award. In his five decades in the Jefferson County area, Mike has worked tirelessly to improve the City of Evergreen and Jefferson County through public service.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mike Moore for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber of Jefferson County.

THANKING KEVIN CHAMBERS FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer my thanks to Kevin Chambers for over thirty-five years of dedicated service to the United States House of Representatives. Kevin will be retiring this Friday, September 29. He is a constituent in Maryland's Fifth Congressional District, living in Calvert County, and I am proud to represent him and his family in Congress.

Kevin has been the very definition of exceptional customer service that all Chief Administrative Office (CAO) employees strive to provide to the House community. His thorough leadership and oversight in assisting Members with setting up their offices and with relocations during numerous Congressional transitions has provided a template for success for many years to come. Kevin's extensive knowledge of House furniture and its history and his mastery of building and sustaining relationships with Members and staff has resulted in cohesiveness and joint partnerships throughout the House campus. He has also maintained strong relationships over the years with colleagues from the CAO and Architect of the Capitol offices. For all who have had the pleasure of working with him, Kevin has been an invaluable asset and will be greatly missed.

Kevin began his career with the House CAO on December 12, 1980 as a Laborer. In March 1987 he advanced to Assistant Warehouse Manager and became Warehouse Manager in 1990. In that capacity, he served as a point of contact between CAO staff and Members of Congress regarding service orders for office furnishings. In 2001, the CAO called upon Kevin to offer his expertise to the newly developed First Call customer service center as a Senior Customer Solutions Consultant. There, he provided guidance, advice, and assistance to House offices regarding the selection and purchase of office furniture, equipment, and supplies. Later, Kevin became a Senior Team

Lead with the Modular-Transition office. In 2016, Kevin moved to the Manager role and led the team on House-wide projects, including the Cannon House Office Building Renewal Relocations effort. Over many years, Kevin has provided guidance to management as a subject-matter expert on House operations, and he has been an integral part of the CAO.

Among his many accomplishments over the years, Kevin supervised the CAO's Transition Office staff over the past eight Congressional transitions. He was always the first to arrive and last to leave. He provided the transitional move coordinators with the knowledge and support necessary to assist incoming freshman Members and participating returning Members effectively and efficiently. Not only has Kevin been thoroughly involved with Congressional Transitions, his extensive CAO and House knowledge put him in a position to become the Clerk's Office's main point of contact for all Congressional special elections.

Furthermore, Kevin has dedicated his career to making the CAO and the House of Representatives a better place to work and a place that runs as smoothly and efficiently as possible. He has passed along his many years of project management and customer service experience to staff and coworkers so they can continue the extremely high standards of quality service expected by the CAO. On behalf of the entire House, I extend congratulations to Kevin for his many years of dedication and outstanding contributions. I hope my colleagues will join me in wishing him and his wife Cynthia many happy years together in retirement.

HONORING CSM (RET.) SIDNEY BROWN

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, today we honor retired Army Command Sergeant Major Sidney Brown, decorated combat soldier, passionate community leader, and tireless advocate for the Clarksville-Montgomery County area and its veterans.

During 30 years of active military duty, CSM Brown deployed with the 101st Airborne Division, serving two tours in Vietnam, Germany, and Korea, earning distinction as a member of the Triple Nickle—555th Parachute Infantry Association. For his outstanding service, he was awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and multiple medals and badges.

Upon retirement, he was elected as a Montgomery County Commissioner. Within one year of appointment as Chairman of the Clarksville-Montgomery Veterans' Home Board, he gathered support from city council members, county commissioners, and state and federal officials to build a much-needed nursing home for veterans to "give back to them what they sacrificed to give us." In spite of many obstacles in fundraising and land acquisition, the Veterans' Home opened in 2016—due in large part to CSM Brown's steadfast mission. His ever-present enthusiasm, determination and devotion make him an inspirational model for the active-duty soldiers, veteran students and ROTC cadets he

has championed for decades. He has dedicated his life to our nation's military, and we are truly humbled to honor him.

Leadership is not as it appears, but as it performs. We join his family and friends in dedicating the Sidney Brown Bistro to CSM Brown, who ensured our veterans' sacrifices are revered and repaid.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position for the record on roll call votes cast on September 25, 2017.

On Roll Call Vote Number 530, on consideration of H.R. 3823 I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "No."

On Roll Call Vote Number 531, on consideration of H.R. 2061 I did not vote. It was my intention to vote "Yea."

GREG STEVINSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Greg Stevinson for receiving the West Chamber's 2017 Jefferson County Hall of Fame Award.

The Hall of Fame Award recognizes outstanding individuals who have significant, long-lasting impacts through their leadership and contributions to Jefferson County's economy, community and legacy.

As a resident of Jefferson County for over fifty years, Greg has used his leadership and business insight to help shape our community. Greg was instrumental in the creation of the Colorado Mills Mall and the Denver West Office Park in Lakewood. For these efforts he received the honor of being named businessperson of the year by the Rocky Mountain News. Greg has also been an ardent supporter of open space in Jefferson County. He served on committees including Jefferson County Open Space, Save Open Space and Jeffco Outdoors Foundation.

Greg has served on several boards including the Colorado Baseball Stadium District, Red Rocks Community College Foundation and Craig Hospital. He is known for his personal drive, public service, and cultural contributions, which have made a tremendous impact on this county.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Greg Stevinson for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber of Jefferson County.

TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate our friend, Taiwan, as it commemorates the 106th anniversary of its National Day on October 10th.